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Attorney Docket No. 05058/70001

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. Application: Takenori IDEHARA  
For: INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING METHOD  
FOR NETWORK SYSTEM  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/082,127  
Confirmation No.: 2348  
Filed: May 20, 1998  
Group Art Unit: 2625  
Examiner: King Y. Poon

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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December 12, 2006  
Date of Signature

**REQUEST FOR STATUS OF APPLICATION**

This application is under appeal. The Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner mailed October 20, 2005, showed that the application was being returned to Examiner Poon. According to Examiner Poon, he has signed off of this application according to the Office Communication dated November 2, 2005, and the file should now be returned to the Appeal Section for docketing.

The undersigned attorney of record respectfully requests the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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